



LOOKS GOOD even after such a trip as these 32 4-Hers and their five leaders have had to Berkshire County, Mass. The Exchange Group arrived in Waynesville Saturday evening about 6 p.m. after a 13-day visit.

## 4-H Tourists Return with Happy Memories

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### Days In The Grain Belt

ing through Nebraska, the rainfall was not more than 18 inches, the group saw "rinkle" in the storage of had heard about it—now was: Open bin after bin of corn in the ear, out in They lose very little this suppose a farmer loses shels out of each bin or —what's that in a thou- corn is sealed, we were 1.55 per bushel, govern- port. So, there it was, the or much of it—and the coming on.

st a little more about the biding at Lincoln: It cost on dollars we were told; guide said it would be four t it built now. The large blums in the rotunda

were imported from Belgium, Italy and other countries. The sculpturing, paintings, and mosaics were wonderful, the paintings and canvases being designed to show the history and resources of the State of Nebraska, the old West, etc. The building stands 700 ft. high to the top of the dome.

After leaving Lincoln, then on to Omaha—just as the people of this State Metropolis were streaming out for lunch. Well, they got an "eye full" we hope, as many of them stopped to gaze and remark.

After lunch we hurry on, and are soon into the State of Iowa—and more corn! Not so much wheat perhaps, but more oats and corn—and hogs, of course, in abundance.

Near the Iowa School For The Deaf we saw de-tasseling and other methods used in Hybrid seed corn production. Then we were off

to the Donald Pratt Combination Hog and Dairy Farm. Here we saw how quickly Berkshire hogs can be turned into or, rather, made ready for pork sausage. This was Thursday. We arrived at Iowa State College (Ames) at 6:30 p.m. where an evening program was furnished by Dr. Hilton.

### Fell Out of Student Bunks

Here some amusing incidents happened—since nobody was hurt. "Don't you tell this on me, Uncle Abe," said one fellow, smiling, and I promised. I will merely state that this man, who fell out of an upper berth that night at Ames, was from the northern section of our county. The other man who did the same stunt was one of our bus drivers. Our group make good Farm Tour students; but, evidently, they would have their ups and (hard) downs in a modern dormitory.

At Ainsworth, Iowa, we visited the Dick Stevens farm. Here we learned what efficient management (the western way) means to large-scale farming. Out there many fine, successful farmers do not own the farms they operate—they lease them, as in this case. Mr. Stevens

owned, Mr. Buck operated.

Friday afternoon we had a rest stop in the outskirts of Hannibal, Mo., old hometown of Mark Twain. Afterthought: We passed through Boys' Town not far from Omaha, but did not have time to stop—our one regret.

From Hannibal we continued on down the Mississippi valley to St. Louis, arriving at 7:15, and piled into DeSoto hotel for the night (Friday). After dining there, all of the group who felt rested enough went either to the ball game or outdoor opera.

### Just Traveling Toward Home

After this there were no more projects to be seen or attractions to go to; so we will use the rest of space allocated in giving a summary. This being Saturday we hurried on to Nashville for the night. I will only mention the short devotional program in the hotel there Sunday morning after breakfast. It was conducted by Major Cecil Brown, and was very appropriate for the occasion. After this the group expressed their thanks to Wayne Franklin and the assistant agents, Miss Cornwell and Miss Medford (the "Two Marys"), the bus drivers, Rhinehart, Flemming and Willett, also Patrolman Woolen—for their fine leadership and management of the Tour. This was done by the usual "big hand".

### Fun On The Trip

Victor Pless being tried on the bus for marrying a woman much too young for him—then "wilfully and unlawfully deserting her," etc.; crowning Mrs. Betty Palmer "Queen of Bus No. 102"; Bob Francis telling the crowd how "full" he was; Uncle Abe and Mrs. Jones putting on their performances in the aisle; hanging a man on the Canton bus—for some sort of heinous crime; Mrs. Will Medford nibbling on that "good French bread"; throwing the "snake" into the crowd; Wait Willett walking like the cow-boys we saw; the girl in Tennessee driving the tractor—and smoking the big pipe of tobacco as she drove; Frances Rose smoking her little pipe—and Cecil Brown chastising her for it, etc., etc.

### Summary

When our buses pulled up to the Haywood County Courthouse that Sunday about 7:00 p.m., after the good "feast of watermelons" at Soco Gap (thanks to Jonathan Woody) we had completed our longest Tour from the standpoint of both miles covered and time required. Everybody seemed to be pleased with the trip, and, generally, pronounced it the best so. We traveled in twelve different states of the union, viz: North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. The tour took us through Tennessee twice. The shortest distance covered in any



SUMMER OF 1954 CANNOT COME TOO SOON for Berkshire County 4-H'ers and myself, Robert M. Hall, Berkshire 4-H Club Agent tells some of the Haywood County exchange group at a farewell party at the Richmond Town Hall. Receiving 1954 engagement calendars with pictures of the Berkshires are Jean Childers, Rowena Robinson, Cecil Wells and Betty Felmet.

state outside our own was in Kansas, yet we traveled approximately 180 miles in that state.

Uncle Bud Harris was still the oldest person on the tour and Danny Cole the youngest. Uncle Bud and Hub Caldwell were also the only ones, I think, who have been on all the eleven tours.

There were 124 in all, 60 men and 64 women—the first time the women have out - numbered the men.

Haywood, Buncombe, Madison, Henderson and Jackson counties were represented, also the State

of Florida. J. M. Caldwell was prevented from going on the trip on the morning of departure; also Furman Noland was contacted by wire at St. Louis (on our way back) notifying him of the illness of his father, and had to quit the tour. Other than this (and the bus trouble mentioned heretofore) there was nothing to mar the complete success of this wonderful trip.

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